

### Amendments

#### **In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, beginning on line 23, as follows:

The resultant mixture of peptones can display excellent properties. For example, the mixture of peptones can display a solubility in water of at least 0.01915 gm/ml [~~THE PROVISIONAL HAD AT LEAST 0.01915 GM/ML WHICH IS CORRECT?~~]. The solubility is measured using the CRC method as described in the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics (83<sup>rd</sup> edition--hereinafter called the CRC Handbook). In addition, the mixture of peptones can display a dry whiteness of L exceeding 55. Dry whiteness is the whiteness of a material when it is dry. Dry whiteness can be measured using the L,a,b scale on a Hunter Lab colorimeter Color Quest XE. The value of L measures the whiteness itself. For example, L=0 represents absolute black and L=100 represents absolute white. The values of a and b reflect different shades of color. It should be realized that the value of L (the Whiteness itself) is most important for the invention, and that the values of a and b can vary for a particular value of L. It should also be recognized that other standard equipment (other than the Hunter Lab colorimeter) can be used to measure whiteness. Further, the mixture of peptones can display a dry flowability angle which is less than 60 degrees without tap. Dry flowability characterizes the rate or ease in which dry materials such as powders, granules, or solid particles move during a period of time when poured, pumped, or physically transferred from one container to another. Dry materials such as powders, granules, or solid particles have physical characteristics such as particle size, shape, angularity, size variability and hardness will affect the flow properties of that dry material. There are also external factors such as humidity, temperature, and electrostatic charge that can affect the flow of the dry material. Dry flowability can be measured using angle of repose techniques or other standard techniques. Properties such as these are particularly useful for a variety of applications such as pet food, fertilizer, biological culture media, fermentation media, fire retardant, and shampoo applications.